



Massachusetts Health Care Cost Trends Final Report

Appendix C.2: Health Care Cost Trends Public Hearings Public Hearing Agenda

April 2010



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Lieutenant Governor

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David Morales, Commissioner
Division of Health Care Finance and Policy

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**Annual Public Hearing under M.G.L. c. 118G, § 6 ½
Health Care Provider and Payer Costs and Cost Trends
Agenda – Tuesday, March 16, 2010**

University Club
Joseph P. Healey Library
University of Massachusetts Boston

- 9:00 A.M. Introductory Remarks**
David Morales, Commissioner of the Division of Health Care Finance and Policy and
Chair of Public Hearings
- 9:15 A.M. Statements by Officials**
- 10:15 A.M. Review of Analytic Findings from the Division of Health Care Finance and Policy**
- Introduction and Context: Cindy Parks Thomas, Ph.D., Associate Research Professor,
Schneider Institutes for Health Policy, The Heller School for Social Policy and Management,
Brandeis University
 - Private Health Insurance Premium Trends: Dianna Welch, F.S.A., M.A.A.A.,
Oliver Wyman Actuarial Consulting, Inc.
 - Privately Insured Medical Claims Expenditures: Deborah Chollet, Ph.D., Senior Fellow, Mathematica
Policy Research, Inc.
- Moderator: Stanley S. Wallack, Ph.D., Professor and Executive Director of the Schneider Institutes
for Health Policy, The Heller School for Social Policy and Management, Brandeis University
- 11:15 A.M. Review of Findings from the Division of Insurance**
- 12:00 P.M. Expert Witness: “What is the cost of doing nothing?”**
Len Nichols, Ph.D., Professor of Health Policy and
Director of the Center for Health Policy Research and Ethics, George Mason University, and
Former Director of the Health Policy Program, New American Foundation
- Moderator: Deborah Chollet, Ph.D., Senior Fellow, Mathematica Policy Research, Inc.
- 12:45 P.M. 30-Minute Lunch Break**
- 1:15 P.M. Review of Findings from Investigation into Health Care Cost Trends and Cost Drivers**
Martha Coakley, Massachusetts Attorney General

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2:15 P.M. Introductory Remarks

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2:15 P.M. Panel: Employer Experiences with Health Care Cost Trends

1. Alan MacDonald, Executive Director, Massachusetts Business Roundtable
2. Eric Michelson, Michelson's Shoes
3. Peter Mongeau, Vice President, HR Shared Services, John Hancock Financial Services
4. Frank Romano, President, The Essex Group Incorporated
5. Delia Vetter, Senior Director of Benefits, EMC Corporation
6. Michael Widmer, President, Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation

Moderator: Wayne Burton, Ed.D., President of North Shore Community College and
Former Chair of the North Shore Chamber of Commerce

3:30 P.M. Panel: Consumer Experiences with Health Care Cost Trends

1. Deborah Banda, Massachusetts State Director, AARP
2. Robert Restuccia, Executive Director, Community Catalyst, Inc.
3. Matt Selig, Executive Director, Health Law Advocates
4. Amy Whitcomb Slemmer, Executive Director, Health Care for All
5. Nancy Turnbull, Senior Lecturer on Health Policy and
Associate Dean for Educational Programs, Harvard School of Public Health
6. Cheri Andes, Lead Organizer, Greater Boston Interfaith Organization

Moderator: John Auerbach, Commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Public Health

4:45 P.M. Concluding Remarks

David Morales, Commissioner, Division of Health Care Finance and Policy and
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9:00 A.M. Introductory Remarks

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9:15 A.M. Expert Witness: Creating the Framework for High Performing Organizations

Stephen Schoenbaum, M.D., M.P.H., Executive Vice President for Programs, The Commonwealth
Fund and Executive Director of its Commission on a High Performance Health System

Moderator: Stanley S. Wallack, Ph.D., Professor and Executive Director of the Schneider Institutes for
Health Policy, The Heller School for Social Policy and Management, Brandeis University

10:15 A.M. Panel: Health Care Delivery System

1. Jack Dutzar, M.D., President and Chief Executive Officer, Fallon Clinic
2. Phil Gaziano, M.D., Medical Director, Hampden County Physician Associates, LLC
3. Donald Goldman, M.D., Senior Vice President, Institute for Healthcare Improvement
4. Paul Levy, President, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center
5. Barbra Rabson, Executive Director, Massachusetts Health Quality Partners
6. James Roosevelt, Jr., President and Chief Executive Officer, Tufts Health Plan and
Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Massachusetts Association of Health Plans
7. Barbara Spivak, M.D., President, Mount Auburn Cambridge IPA

Moderator: Michael H. Bailit, M.B.A., President, Bailit Health Purchasing

12:30 P.M. 30-Minute Lunch Break

1:00 P.M. Expert Witness: Understanding Cost Drivers in the Health Care System

Paul Ginsburg, Ph.D., President, Center for Studying Health System Change

Moderator: Stuart Altman, Ph.D., Sol C. Chaikin Professor of National Health Policy,
The Heller School for Social Policy and Management, Brandeis University

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2:00 P.M. Panel: Factors Contributing to Health Care Costs

1. Dianne Anderson, President and Chief Executive Officer, Lawrence General Hospital
2. Andrew Dreyfus, Executive Vice President of Health Care Service, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts
3. Mark Gaunya, President, Massachusetts Association of Health Underwriters
4. Thomas P. Glynn, Ph.D., Chief Operating Officer, Partners Healthcare
5. Nancy Kane, Professor of Management, Associate Dean for Educational Programs, Department of Health Policy and Management, Harvard School of Public Health, and Member of the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission
6. Dale Lodge, President and Chief Executive Officer, Winchester Hospital
7. Julie Pinkham, R.N., Executive Director, Massachusetts Nurses Association

Moderator: Nancy Turnbull, Senior Lecturer on Health Policy and
Associate Dean for Educational Programs, Harvard School of Public Health

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- 9:00 A.M. Introductory Remarks**
David Morales, Commissioner, Division of Health Care Finance and Policy and
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- 9:15 A.M. Expert Witness: Market Reform Considerations to Reduce the Growth in Healthcare Spending**
Stuart Altman, Ph.D., Sol C. Chaikin Professor of National Health Policy, The Heller School for Social
Policy and Management, Brandeis University

Moderator: Alan Weil, J.D., M.P.P., Executive Director, National Academy for State Health Policy
- 10:00 A.M. Panel: Discussion of Strategies to Mitigate Health Care Cost Growth**

1. Ralph de la Torre, M.D., President and Chief Executive Officer, Caritis Christi Health Care
2. Deb Enos, President and Chief Executive Officer, Neighborhood Health Plan
3. Gary L. Gottlieb, M.D., M.B.A., President and Chief Executive Officer, Partners Healthcare
4. George Gresham, President, Local 1199 SEIU
5. Richard Lopez, M.D., Chief Physician Executive, Atrius Health
6. Dolores Mitchell, Executive Director, Group Insurance Commission
7. Ellen Zane, President and Chief Executive Officer, Tufts Medical Center

Moderator: Alan Weil, J.D., M.P.P., Executive Director, National Academy for State Health Policy
- 12:30 P.M. 30-Minute Lunch Break**
- 1:00 P.M. Public Testimony**
- TBD Concluding Remarks**
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